

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

- **Project leader, contact information**

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Please contact me if you would like to pull weeds or work on invasive plant research!

- **General project description**

At RMBL, we are in the process of revegetating a construction site and controlling invasive plants onsite. Volunteers working with my team typically do one of two things: pull invasive weeds or collect data associated with on-going experiments. For volunteers interested in pulling weeds in the back country, please see the 'Adopt a Trail' opportunity.

- **Tasks** (1) We pull weeds: yellow toadflax, ox-eye daisies, scentless chamomile, salsify, and wintercress. This can be a one to multi-day project. (2) We dig up plants before construction work and we transplant them at sites to revegetate sites after construction is complete. This can be a 1-multi-day project. (3) We collect plant community data as part of an on-going invasive plant management experiment. This is typically a volunteer opportunity for one person who assists a botanist. This usually happens for a couple weeks in July. (4) For people looking for GPS mapping experience, we also map the invasive plants in the Gothic townsite. This is a 1-2 person project and happens in late June, July or August.

- **Number of volunteers needed.**

Two to ten throughout the summer.

- **Meeting place and time (directions to meeting place).**

RMBL Visitor's Center at 9am

- **Time commitment (e.g., 1 day, 1 day per week all summer, or other flexible scheduling).**

We have a variety of options. Volunteers who want to pull weeds or collect data may do this for 1 day or up to ~ 3 weeks. For people who are interested in mapping weeds and collecting weed density information, this is a 3-10 day commitment. Experience with a GPS unit is helpful, but not required.

- **Special requirements & things to bring (e.g. age limits, hiking/physical ability, volunteer-provided equipment such as binoculars).**

We're looking for volunteers ages 18 and up and excited about weed management and invasive plant research. The physical requirements of our work are similar to gardening, with repeated standing and kneeling. Volunteers should bring what they need to be comfortable working outside (e.g. water, sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, comfortable clothes and shoes, and a rain jacket). If volunteers have gardening gloves or tools they like to use, please feel free to bring those along.